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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The barracks installation on the north side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), seemed to be occupied to capacity by 500 to 600 troops on 17 January 1951. Soldiers observed wore black-bordered red epaulets, some red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and black epaulets. About 100 soldiers were engaged in firing practice with submachine guns in the barracks yard while 80 troops left the installation toward the target range. Motor vehicles were seen in the billeting area. *

2. The barracks installation on the south side of Selauerstrasse quartered about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There were noticeably many officers with tank insignia. A T-34 tank was seen in the installation not less than 40 tanks were sheltered in the garages. Motor vehicles were seen. **

3. Between 22 and 31 January 1951, the barracks installation on the south side of Selauerstrasse was observed to be occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 72 tanks and armored scout cars were sheltered in one of the garages, and four AA guns of about 80 mm in another one. One Major Pavlov, (fnu), was seen frequently in the company of the commanding officer. Truck and passenger car the car of the Soviet komendatura chief, were seen. The latter car is garaged in the barracks installation. **

* Comment. The barracks installation on the north side of Selauerstrasse is the Infanterie Kaserne. estimated the occupation there at 800 in late 1950. The installation is believed to quarter the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The motor vehicle reported belong to the latter division.

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** [redacted] Comment. The barracks installation located on the south side of Selauerstrasse is the Pionier Kaserne. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] he number of troops there in November 1950 at 400 to 500 men, [redacted] about 1,600 men. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Tanks were observed only once in October 1950 [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] On the basis of previous reports, the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt and the unidentified Mtrcl Bn of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are believed to be stationed there.

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